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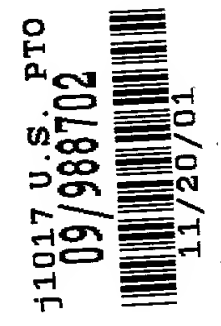
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Re: Application of Gary L. CUMMINGS, Young-Jin LEE, James L. PLATT, Jr.,
Matthew HIKADE, and Vernell STORNES
CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE
PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE
ASSIGNEES: 1) VALENT U.S.A. CORPORATION
2) TOMEN AGRO, INC.

Our Ref: A8174



Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/259,300 filed March 1, 1999 of Gary L. CUMMINGS, Young-Jin LEE, James L. PLATT, Jr., Matthew HIKADE, and Vernell STORNES entitled CHEMICALLY STABLE, INSECTICIDALLY ACTIVE PHOSPHOROAMIDOTHIOATE PELLET COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification (70 pages), including the claims and abstract, two (2) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. A Preliminary Amendment is also enclosed. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1616.

Amend the specification by deleting the paragraph under the heading "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" on page 1 of the application, and replace it with the following:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/259,300, filed March 1, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/992,714, filed December 17, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,013,272, all of which claim benefit and priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following two United States Provisional Applications: Serial No. 60/033,572 filed December 19, 1996 and Serial No. 60/039,504 filed March 4, 1997. Each of the foregoing applications and provisional applications is incorporated herein by reference.--

Benefit and priority are claimed from each of the above-identified applications and provisional applications.

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